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GREETINGS

With greetings heartfelt and true, we welcome you dear friends, attending this dinner in memory of our departed brethren.

Good kind friends we greet you with the warmth of our hearts. May your presence here to-day be long remembered.

To our advertisers and our boosters, who have contributed so generously, we extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude, and we earnestly hope their generosity will not go unrewarded.

To you dear friends, who have been instrumental in making this dinner the most successful, we wish to express our humble indebtedness.

May the souls of our departed brethren rest in peace, and may the golden hours of this day be forged into a chain of pleasant memories until we greet you again.

THE COMMITTEE

The Orphanage and School at Beyrouth, Lebanon

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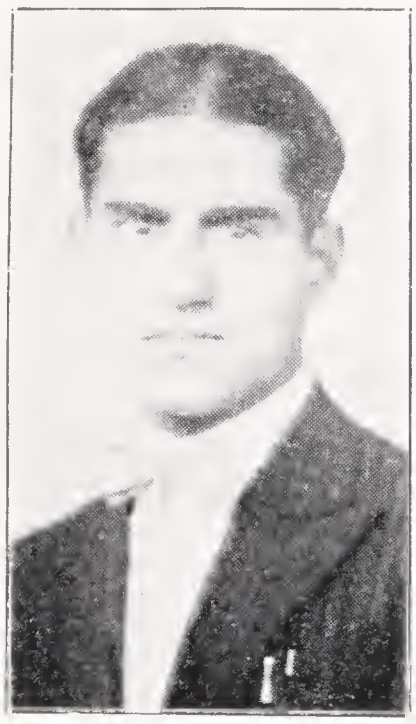
When I Came To School

TWO PICTURES THAT TELL A STORY

On this page are two pictures that tell better than words can describe the work of the Assyrian National School Association of America, Inc. This boy was entered as a scholar at our Beirut Orphanage. When he graduated he was prepared to face the battles of life.

The many who have contributed and worked for the Association want no other reward than to see our boys and girls blossom into manhood and womanhood a credit to our race and valuable citizens.



After Graduation

The only way that Assyrians in America can help this great work is to contribute as much as they can to the annual Christmas Appeal. There are many more boys like this one that we must shelter and educate. There are many girls who likewise have no one but us to look to for help. Let us do our part! Let us not fail them!

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History of the Assyrian National School Association of America, Inc.

During the massacre of Christians by the Turkish Government in 1895, many Assyrians fled Diabeckr for the freedom of the United States of America.

After having lived in this country for a period of four years a group of men met on October 8, 1899, at Sterling, New Jersey, and organized a club with the avowed intentions of assisting the Assyrian people. These members started with an initiation fee of one dollar and weekly dues of five cents.

Some months later this group grew to eleven members. Most of these men were honored at the 30th Anniversary Dinner and Dance of the Assyrian National School Association of America, Inc., on October 13th, 1929. The names of these men are as follows:- Hannah Bahoosh, Saleba Bahoosh, Hadji Hannoosh Basmajy, Said Basmajy, Haji Hanoosh Betterbed, Said Choolche, Thomas Dartley, Said Najar Esra, Bishar Mardenly, Ibrahim Mardenly, and Ermosh Mazijy.

By this time these men had noticed the progress of educated people and realizing the advantages of an education to the average individual they discussed the advisability of forming an organization to further the advantages of education to the masses of Assyrian people.

It was then that the Assyrian National School Association of America, Inc., came into existence for the purpose of opening a school in Diabeckr when finances permitted. This was decided upon after a report on the school in Diabeckr had been given by one of their later members who had just arrived in this country.

By 1908 there were three separate units. They were at College Point, (now known as the Long Island Branch), Paterson and Sterling. Realizing the advantages of united and organized effort, the three units formed an executive body (later to be known as the Board of Trustees) to transact the important business.

This Executive Body was formed by the election of two delegates from each of the units then operating.

On April 19, 1908, the Executive Body convened and discussed the advisability of forming a National Constitution and By-Laws to be observed by the three units, also any other units which might come into existence in future years. It was then that the present Constitution and By-Laws were drawn up and offered to the three existing units for adoption. The laws were approved and subsequently adopted and the organization has been operating under these rules ever since. (Mention at this time is to be given to Mr. Gabriel

Bovajy who is responsible for the final drawing-up of the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization). Within the past year a copy of these laws were given to each member of the Association, translated into the English language.

In 1914, after the World War started and the Turkish Government drove all Christians out of Diabeckr, Mesopotamia and Asia Minor, and those of our Assyrian people who were not killed, were driven from their homes and scattered far and wide. Many children were left orphans and drifting about without the advantages of some definite organized Assyrian charitable institution, and thus were being lost to our people, by being absorbed by homes of other nations. Homes and properties were also destroyed and Churches and other public buildings desecrated and destroyed. The Executive Body convened and discussed the advisability of changing the purpose of the organization which was the furthering of Assyrian education in Diabeckr to the furthering of Assyrian education in any large community of Assyrian inhabitants in Beirut, Mosul, Jerusalem and Syria.

Today this Association consists of the following branches:- Paterson; Hudson County, N. J.; Long Island; Brooklyn; Beyrouth; Kamshly; Syria Ladies Auxiliary of the Brooklyn Branch; Summit Branch; New York City Branch; Newark; and the Assyrian National Relief Society Affiliated.

It is the desire and intention of this Association to establish such additional Orphanages and Educational Center in other localities as the needs may become prevalent and the funds of this Association will permit. It is the further desire of this organization to assist worthy Assyrian students in America and abroad to acquire a higher education by establishing a College Scholarship Endowment Fund.

ASSYRIAN ORPHANAGE and SCHOOL
at Beyrouth, Lebanon

When the great war was ended the French High Commissioner realized the pressing need for an orphanage for the Assyrian children and in 1918 the needed orphanage was opened at Adana. This orphanage was carried on for only three years. When the Christians left the town and were scattered to other parts of the world, the orphanage also was scattered, and in 1922 the French High Commissioner withdrew government help.

In 1923 the Assyrian National School Association of America, Inc., realized the need of re-establishing the once-scattered Adana orphanage in Beirut, without having this time any outside help.

In 1926, the Association bought a small piece of land, about 900 square meters, on which the present orphanage building was constructed.

The orphanage building is situated in the center of the town at Khandakel-Ghamik. It consists of an assembly room, a dormitory, three class rooms, an office for the director, and a play ground. The basement consists of a dining room, kitchen, store room, two bathrooms and three shops for a future industrial department. The plan of the building contemplates the construction of a second story which must wait until the necessary funds are secured.

The aim of this establishment is to provide a center of higher education for all the Assyrians. The greatest need for the Assyrian people is "educated leaders", and the aim of the administration is to produce, through this school, leaders who are strong in body, intelligent in mind, upright in character and trained in the Christian way of life.

The local administration of the orphanage is now carried on by a responsible Board of Managers which consists of the following:

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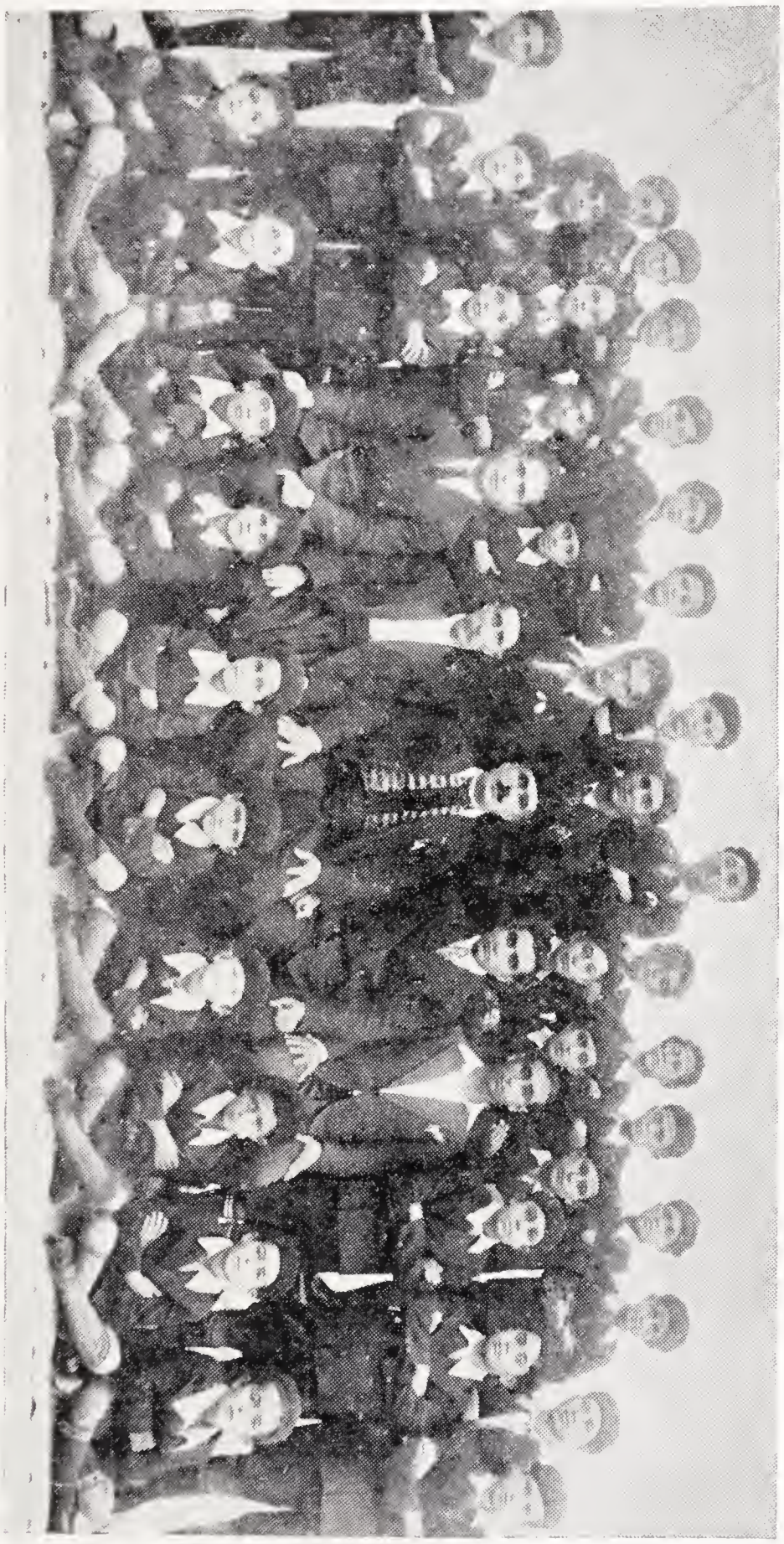

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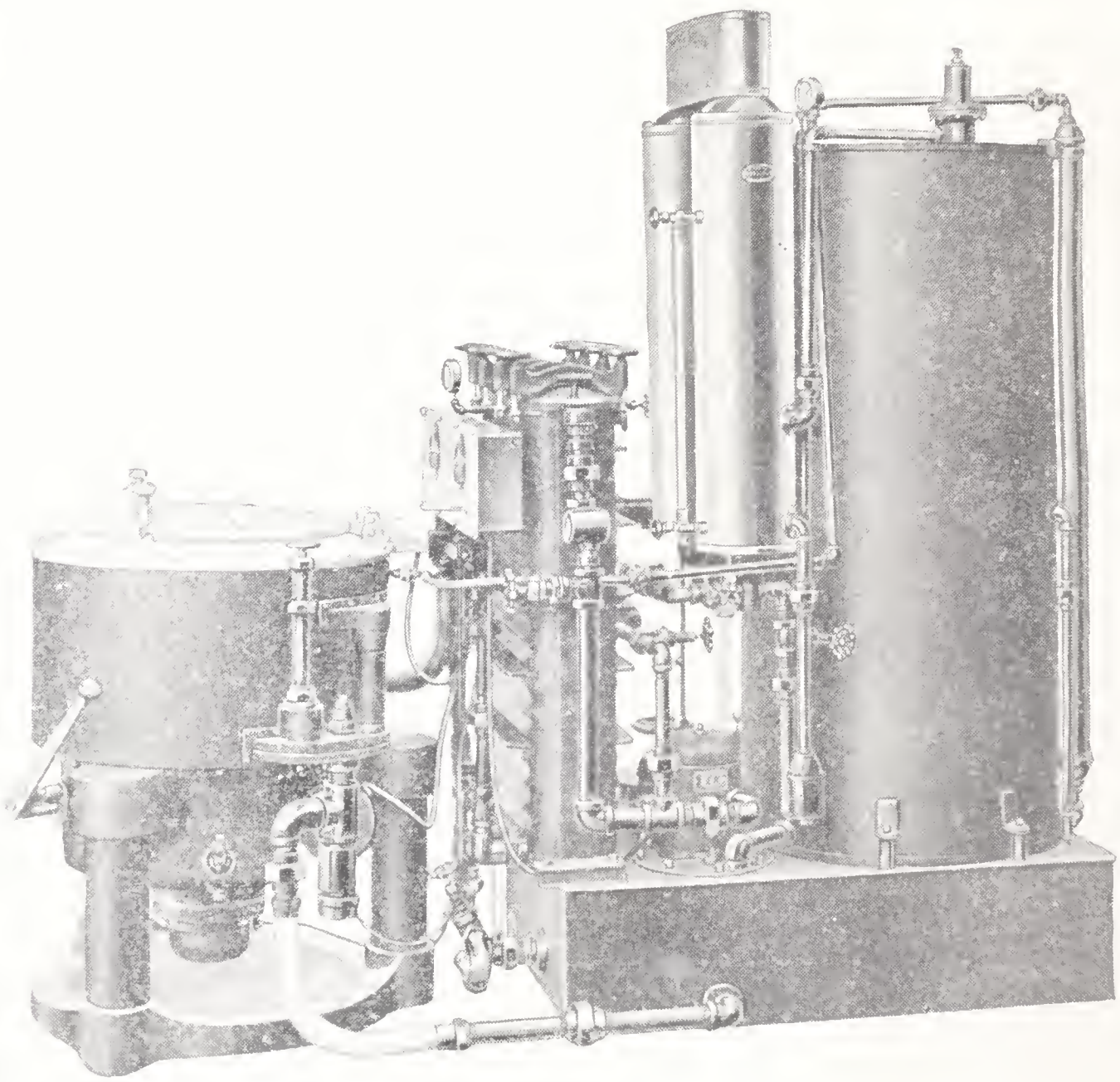

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REV. ELIAS G. SUGAR . . . . . *Invocation*

ELIAS BOYAJY AND CHOIR . . *Assyrian National Anthem*

Silence for 3 Minutes *Roll Call for Deceased Members*
(Audience Will Please Rise)

MISS AGNES KERDASHA, Soloist . . . . . *Song*

REV. ELIAS G. SUGAR . . . . . *Arabic Address*

ELIAS BOYAJY . . . . . *Assyrian Song*

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SHAMERA BOYAJY . . . . . *English Address*

GIRLS CHOIR . . . . . *Assyrian Song*

LAWRENCE DARTLEY . . . . . *A Memorial Address*

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